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Question: SBE 741

Topic: Electricity Purchasing (ATO)

Written: 29 November 2013

Senator LUDWIG asked:

741.

- a) What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement?
- b) What are the department/agency electricity costs from 7 September 2013 to date?

Answer:

741. a) The ATO has contractual agreements in place for sites where the ATO occupies more than 2,000 square metres. These agreements cover the provision of electricity.

Sites in Western Australia and the Northern Territory are not covered by contracts. In those sites, electricity is sourced by the building owner as per lease obligations.

The ATO purchasing agreements are as follows:

State	Contract	Date contract entered into	Period of contract
ACT	Department of Defence Whole-of-government contract	1 July 2011	3 years
NSW	NSW Whole-of-government contract	1 July 2013	3 years
VIC	Origin Energy	1 July 2013	6 months ¹
QLD	Origin Energy	1 July 2013	6 months ¹
SA	Origin Energy	1 October 2012	19 Months ¹
TAS	Aurora Energy	1 July 2013	6 months ¹

¹ Contracts were extended for an additional 6 months as a national approach to market will take place in January 2014.

- b) For the period 7 September to 30 November 2013, ATO electricity costs were \$2,004,436.45.